



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **DUI Round-Up 39 Arrests in April 2013**

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In April 2013 officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department made 39 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

4/4/13 at 1:50 a.m.: Patrick Martin Draper (age 46) was contacted by an on-duty AMR paramedic who was en route to Cottage Hospital. The paramedic had observed Draper's vehicle stopped at a stop sign at Junipero Street and Calle Real, with Draper apparently passed out at the wheel. He saw that the vehicle was in drive and could hear the engine running. The paramedic reached into the vehicle, put it in park, and removed the keys from the ignition. Despite repeated attempts rouse him, Draper was unresponsive and did not wake up for several minutes. The paramedic noticed a very strong odor of alcohol coming from Draper and called the police to investigate. Officer Kamin arrived on scene and conducted a DUI investigation. Draper was intoxicated to the point of slurring his speech and being unsteady on his feet. Officer Kamin determined that Draper was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Draper provided two breath samples which registered his BAC at .16 and .16. Draper was booked into County Jail for DUI.

4/5/13 at 1:30 a.m.: Sean Calen Blake (age 31) was driving his vehicle at a high rate of speed on the 800 block of E. Anapamu Street. Sgt. D. McGrew and Officer Lombardo were on foot in the area on an unrelated call. Sgt. McGrew saw Blake's vehicle approaching and estimated its speed in excess of 60 mph, unsafe for the area. Sgt. McGrew illuminated the vehicle with his flashlight as it approached in an attempt to get the driver to slow down. Blake continued to travel at a high rate of speed which prompted Sgt. McGrew to yell to Officer Lombardo to get out of the roadway due to his concern about the driver's reckless speed. As the vehicle passed by, Sgt. McGrew observed the driver who was later identified as Blake. Sgt. McGrew ran to his patrol car and attempted to catch-up to Blake's vehicle, but was unable to do so. Sgt. McGrew was then dispatched to another unrelated call. Minutes later the Communications Center advised of a hit-and-run traffic collision in the area of Garcia Road involving a car matching the description of Blake's vehicle with a license plate number that revealed the registered owner's address. Sgt. McGrew and several other officers responded to that address, Blake's residence,

and located his vehicle which now displayed fresh damage. After repeated knocks at the front door which went unanswered, entry was made into the residence to check on the welfare of the driver. Blake was located in his bedroom and was uncooperative. Blake displayed symptoms of intoxication, was sweaty, and had a hand stamp on his hand indicating that he had been at a bar. Blake, who was only wearing boxers, initially stated that he had been in bed asleep and that his vehicle had been parked in front of his home. He later stated that he had been at Joe's Café, but said that he had been driven home in his vehicle by a blond woman who had left the area on foot. When confronted by Sgt. McGrew that Blake had been seen driving at an excessive rate of speed just prior to the collision, Blake only stated that Sgt. McGrew was lying. CSI performed at the scene revealed that only the driver side airbags in Blake's car had deployed and that Blake had redness on the inside of his arms consistent with the type of injuries sustained during airbag deployment. Blake was investigated for DUI and eventually placed under arrest; he provided two breath samples which registered his BAC at .17 and .17. Blake was booked into County Jail for DUI with a bail amount of \$25,000.00.

4/6/13 at 9:54 p.m.: Michelle Marie Bowker (age 21) collided with a parked car in the vicinity of Ninos Drive and the railroad tracks. Officer Rosenberg responded and contacted Bowker who was standing nearby. Bowker stated that she had been driving the vehicle and had consumed two vodka cranberry drinks approximately four hours prior to driving. She said that the collision was due to her reading a text message while driving. Officer Rosenberg smelled a strong odor of alcohol and noticed Bowker was displaying signs of intoxication. He conducted a DUI investigation and placed Bowker under arrest for DUI. She provided two breath samples which registered her BAC at .19 and .18. Bowker was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

4/12/13 at 11:26 p.m.: Dylan Giovanni Parenti (age 45) drove into a DUI checkpoint being held on the 800 block of E. Haley Street. Officer Corbett contacted Parenti and immediately detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from him. He also noticed that Parenti appeared nervous. Parenti admitted to consuming seven or eight alcoholic drinks over the course of four hours prior to driving. Officer Corbett conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Parenti was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Parenti was placed under arrest and he chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .22 and .22. Parenti was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

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